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for the citizens of Mansfield

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## Dedication, teamwork shines during community festivities

**T**he month of October is not only the start of our new fiscal year at the city. It also begins one of the busiest times of the year all across Mansfield.

From Fall Beautification Day and Creekside Clean Up to Fall Festival and Hometown Holidays, the calendar is packed with activities and events that bring together the community for hard work and fun. When selecting our city as one of the “Best Places to Live in America” in 2009, “Money” Magazine cited our many festivals and special events as a key reason why Mansfield is a great place to call home.

In the middle of all that flurry of activity are city employees performing a variety of tasks. Whether it’s picking up trash along Walnut Creek or dressing up

(which by the way was the most successful in the event’s history) but there were members of our parks crew strolling the grounds making sure trash cans were emptied. There were public works employees behind the grill cooking the hot dogs for volunteers at the Creekside Clean Up.

Employees from several departments were on hand at Historic Mansfield Music Festival this year helping set up along Main Street and providing security for participants and event organizers.

At this year’s Hometown Holidays, parks and recreation staff will put their months of planning to good use to give thousands of our residents a special night to kick off the holiday season. From decorating the city Christmas tree to guiding the floats in the parade down Main Street, these employees work to ensure that those attending have a unique, fun and safe Hometown Holidays.

And in all these instances, city employees are teaming up with an amazing group of volunteers in the community, people who know that these activities and events are often what make Mansfield special and define for many what quality of life really means. Whether it’s the Citizens Police Academy and Citizen Fire Academy alumni groups or chamber of commerce members, these volunteers want to be involved.

Working side by side, city employees and our community volunteers make a phenomenal team, and the success of each of these special events and activities is a true testament to how hard they work, how well they work together and how much they care about making a difference in the city where they work and live.



**Clayton Chandler**  
City Manager



as McGruff the Crime Dog for the kids at Fall Festival, hundreds of city employees go beyond their day-to-day jobs to give back to the community and help make a difference.

Police officers and firefighters step away from their patrols and calls for a time each fall to interact with kids and families. For police officers, it’s at Fall Festival, the safe Halloween alternative they have hosted for the last 12 years. And firefighters open their doors each October to show residents how they do their jobs and remind them how to be safe in their homes.

You may not have noticed them among the costumes and candy at last month’s Fall Festival

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## City inspector keeps gas wells drilling smoothly

**T**he natural gas drilling rigs that dot the skyline across Mansfield are Collin Gregory's workplace.

The former Marine and Burleson native joined the city staff this summer as its first gas well inspector, working to ensure that gas drilling in Mansfield is not only safe but follows guidelines set by the City Council.

Gregory spent several years working for a local environmental company monitoring underground storage tanks at gas stations, and then later he worked for five years at the City of Burleson as its gas well inspector.

He said he wants to make the

natural gas drilling process a positive experience for the city and its residents.

"I do everything from monitoring noise levels to inspecting drilling rigs," Gregory said. "I want to make sure that the drilling process runs efficiently and safely to the benefit of the city and its residents."

Gregory is involved in each process, from the SUP (special use permit) application to inspecting pad sites once drilling has ended.

"Even the application process has issues that need to be address," he said "Once we know where the pad site is, there are questions about truck traffic, transportation

routes and ambient noise. I work with engineering and public works and the fire department to address all the issues before the applications goes to Planning & Zoning Commission and council."

Gregory said he is on call 24/7 to assist not only the gas company but businesses and residents who have questions or concerns regarding drilling.

"I'm here to see that everyone, from the city to the gas companies and drill operators are working together for the city's benefit," he said. "It helps to have one person to go to, whether it's a citizen calling to complain about noise at a site or an operator checking the



landscaping requirements in their permit."

### Animal Control ordinance

## Changes address livestock registration, pet vaccination

**N**ew updates to the city's animal control ordinance are aimed at aiding the city's largest and smallest animals.

Those who own animals – from house pets like cats and dogs to livestock such as cows and horses – are required to keep up-to-date vaccinations and ownership records.

Starting Dec. 1, livestock owners will be required to obtain and post an annual permit for those animals in order to help police identify both the animal's owner and the owner of the property where the animal is housed.

"Our biggest time-consuming calls are dealing with loose livestock," said Police Cmdr. Mike Walley, who oversees animal control for the city.

He said police currently rely on helpful neighbors to return the city's largest strays back to their rightful owner.

"We still have that small-town atmosphere where many times a neighbor will tell us to just put the animal in their pasture until we



get the owners contacted," he said.

The updated ordinance also clarifies the square footage requirements and the number of animals that a homeowner can

possess.

"We have people who take on more pets than they can handle. They have to be able to provide for them," Walley said.

Residents also will get a bit of a break on how often they must secure rabies vaccinations for their pets.

The shot renewal requirement will now be based on the manufacturer's expiration date, which currently is three years.

Walley said that the majority of the animals picked up by officers have an I.D. tag and are well cared for. But the animals often are not registered with the city or properly vaccinated.

"It gets overwhelming for us at times," he said. "If everyone would register their pet – especially with the new



microchips now available – we'd be able to quickly get them back to their homes."

He said most of the city's pet owners don't know that they need to vaccinate and register their animals and that they can be cited for not doing so.

A copy of the city's animal control ordinance is available on the city website at [www.mansfield-tx.gov/ps/ac](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov/ps/ac).

## Winter Walk 2010 takes to the trails Jan. 29

**H**undreds of Mansfield residents are expected to take the trails at this year's Winter Walk, set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, along Walnut Creek Linear Park.

The fifth annual event brings residents together to walk the 1.9 mile linear park as a celebration of fitness and the city's award-winning park system. Winter Walk began in 2007 as the grand opening of the first phase of the linear park.

"It's a terrific way to start off the New Year," said Theresa Cohagen, special events supervisor for Parks and Recreation. "It's a great day that perfectly illustrates

what the linear park was built for and how it can benefit the community."

Walkers step off at the trailhead at McKnight Park East, 757 Hwy.

287 North, and head west on the linear park trail to Town Park, 500 N. Main St. The walk takes in some of Mansfield's favorite parks and scenic areas, including McKnight Park East, McKnight Park West, the Red Bluff, Katherine Rose Memorial Park and Town Park.

Contact the Mansfield Activities Center at 817-453-5420 or visit the city website at [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov) to learn more about Winter Walk.



## Keep your home, pets and lawn protected during cold weather

### Safety critical during winter months

**A**s the temperature drops and winter settles in, city experts in public safety, animal control and landscaping say special care will be needed to protect our homes, pets and lawns from the effects of significantly colder temperatures.

Many of the home dangers are related to heating units and fireplaces. There's also the added danger that lighted candles pose, especially when surrounded by holiday decorations. Fire officials say heating unit inspections by licensed professionals should be done each year to not only keep them running efficiently, but safe.

Here are several other tips to safeguard families and homes during the colder weather:

- Do not use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. This can be a source of deadly fumes.
- Never use a fuel-burning heater without proper room venting. Never refill the heater while it is operating or hot, and it is best to refill it outdoors.
- Never burn charcoal indoors because it can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Before going to sleep, be sure the fireplace fire is out. Never close the damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper can force toxic carbon monoxide into the home.
- Also extinguish candles and other decorative lights, including Christmas tree lights, when leaving home or before going to bed. Keep lighted candles away from flammable materials such as curtains and decorations.

Fire Department officials also remind residents that fireworks

for any New Year's Eve celebration are illegal in the city limits of Mansfield.

Even your lawn needs care in order to ensure a fresh and healthy spring start. Routine maintenance is important especially in winter months.

"The important thing is to make sure the lawn stays somewhat moist to prevent long term damage," says Toby Fotjik, Mansfield park operations superintendent. He suggests watering once every two weeks.

Fertilizer is most effective when used after the threat of freezing weather. In Texas, this time-period usually runs from mid-February to the beginning of March.

Along with ensuring the safety of people, pets also require special care during the winter season.

"Fur does not provide the necessary protection against the elements," says Animal Control Manager Nick Wirsdorfer. "If you are cold, your pet is cold, too."

- Put hay in outdoor animal houses and avoid using light bulbs or heating lamps in dog houses; also face dog houses to the south to avoid north wind.
- Keep pets away from anti-freeze in the garage or leaking from cars.
- Keep pets vaccinated.
- Make sure your pet's water supply does not freeze.





## Citizen Police Academy Feb. 17

The 2011 Citizens Police Academy class begins Feb. 17 and will meet at 6 p.m. each Thursday for 12 weeks.

Academy students learn about criminal and traffic law, domestic violence, narcotics and the police department as an organization. Hands-on training includes crime scene investigating, such as fingerprinting and weapons shooting via an interactive, computerized shooting range.

CPA alumni assist with Mansfield police at community events and with programs such as digital fingerprinting of children and seniors, and providing VIN (vehicle identification number) and HEAT (Help End Auto Theft) etching on vehicles.

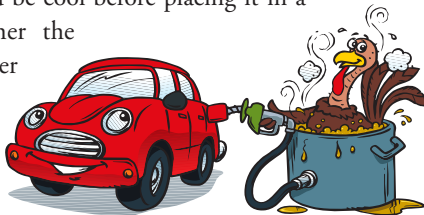
Applicants must be at least 18 years old and with no criminal background. A criminal background check is conducted for all applicants. Applications are available at the front desk of the Public Safety Department building, 1305 E. Broad St., and online at the city's website, [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov).

## Cooking Oil Collection

Help keep the city's storm drains oil free – and rid your kitchen of that pesky leftover Thanksgiving grease – by participating in Mansfield's annual holiday cooking oil recycling event.

Residents can bring their used oil to City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. The event is for Mansfield residents only and proof of residency will be required.

The cooking oil should be cool before placing it in a closed lid container, either the original container or another sturdy container such as a coffee can. Do not mix the cooking oil with other oils or fluids.



The city also offers oil collection year round by contacting the Environmental Services Department directly for pickup.

For more information, call 817-276-4297, or visit the city's website at [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov) and go to the Public Works homepage.

## Fathers and daughters step out for Sweetheart Dance

A good old fashioned country hoedown is the theme for the 10th annual Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance. The event will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Mansfield Activity Center, 106 S. Wisteria St.

Tickets are \$40 per couple during early registration and \$5 for each extra daughter. After Feb. 19, tickets are \$50 per couple.

For more information, contact the MAC at 817-453-5420 or visit the website at [www.mansfieldparks.com](http://www.mansfieldparks.com).

## Christmas tree recycling at one site

The city is again providing an opportunity for Mansfield residents to recycle their Christmas trees and provide mulch for our city parks.

Collection bins will be located at 501 S. Second Avenue (FM 917), just off South Main Street (the same location as Beautification Day). The bins will be onsite Monday, Dec. 27, and will remain at the location until Jan. 14. No trees should be left at the Hardy Allmon soccer fields or for curbside collection.

All bags, lights, wires and ornaments must be removed prior to disposal. Flocked trees will not be accepted, and residents are responsible for unloading the trees at the site.

For more information, call 817-276-4297 or email [arianne.shipley@mansfield-tx.gov](mailto:arianne.shipley@mansfield-tx.gov).

## Toy drives assist local needy families

Mansfield firefighters and police officers are donning their elf hats to give Santa a hand this holiday season. The departments' annual toy and food drives will provide much needed assistance for local families in need.

Mansfield Fire Department's toy drive runs through Dec. 17. New, unwrapped toys for ages newborn to 17 years old are needed. Call 817-276-4790 for information.

Donations can be dropped off at:

- Station No. 1, 202 S. Main St.;
- Station No. 2, 1711 Country Club Drive;
- Station No. 3, 3100 E Broad St.; or
- Fire Administration, 1305 E Broad St.

Police officers will gather toy and food donations at the Wal-Mart Supercenter at US Highway 287 and Walnut Creek Drive, and at Kroger Superstore, Debbie Lane at Matlock Road. New, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items are needed.

Donations will be accepted at the Wal-Mart from 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 14, 16-18, and Dec. 22. Officers will be at the Kroger from 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 15, 20 and 21.

For information, call the Mansfield Police community resources department at 817-276-4758.



## New MEDC Board working on growing the local economy



President's Column

As a new fiscal year begins each October for the city, the MEDC board member terms come up for renewal. This year the board amended our bylaws to add two additional members to mirror the other boards and commissions in the city.

I personally want to thank Steven Matkovich for his service to the board and the city. His term expired in September. The City Council

selected Eric Karich to serve in the vacated term. It is important to our city's success to offer opportunities to serve to as many citizens as possible. Eric is a patent attorney with extensive experience in assisting small business start ups.

The two new members who were added to the board are Giovanna Phillips and Brian Fuller.

Giovanna was the President and CEO of a successful chamber of commerce and upon moving to Mansfield wanted to make sure she utilized her business experience to help grow a new community.

Brian Fuller works in Aerospace Defense and specializes in site and project management. His skills in detailed oversight will be greatly appreciated.

The Mansfield Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors are excited to continue working to bring high-quality businesses to Mansfield, and helping our local companies expand. Our efforts increase employment, expand the tax base and improve services.

The 2011 Board of Directors are: Jerry Hefter, president; Heather Harris, vice president; Charles Williams, secretary; Ben King, board member; Eric Karich, board member; Giovanna Phillips, board member; Brian Fuller, board member.

*Local businessman Jerry Hefter is president of the Mansfield Economic Development Corporation*



## Trade show pitches pay off with new Mansfield restaurants

When it comes to bringing new restaurants to the city, the Mansfield Economic Development Department is finding that trade shows are where the staff is striking gold. Two restaurants that have recently located in Mansfield from tradeshow are Olive Garden and Genghis Grill.



"The trade shows the staff attends give us an opportunity to 'pitch' Mansfield to a variety of businesses and developers," said Economic Development Director Scott Welmaker.



"One area where we are particularly finding success is with restaurants."

Many times these trade show meetings peak the companies' interests, which then leads to long periods of research, discussion, development, contract negotiations and construction, he said.

Among the information the staff provides to restaurant developers looking at sites in Mansfield is the results of a survey of local residents that offered information on dining habits and restaurants they were interested in seeing locate in the city. The top 10 restaurant types requested were: Steak, Sushi, Mexican, Hometown, Thai, Cafeteria, Bagel/Bakery, Japanese, Seafood, and Cajun.

"We were able to use this information in our meetings at trade shows," said Richard Nevins, assistant director of economic development.

"Sometimes the pace feels glacier, but there is movement," Nevins said. "It's worth the effort."

## MEDC says thanks to businesses at tournament

The Mansfield EDC's business retention program recently held its Industry Appreciation Golf Tournament, with 64 golfers representing 25 different businesses in attendance.

More than 120 industrial companies in Mansfield were invited to participate with a golf tournament team as a token of appreciation for their investment in the community. Local industries positively impact the community and provide jobs and a stable, healthy tax base for Mansfield citizens.

## Integrated Medical Solutions making news as top government medical service provider

**A**fter two decades working for the Department of Justice, Jerry Heftler pinpointed an emerging need in providing medical care to federal prisoners.

Matching inmates to medical services and then making sure all of the bills got paid was a cumbersome process. Sometimes inmate care was delayed and the government overpaid for services, he said.

In 1999, Heftler started Mansfield-based Integrated Medical Solutions, a company that works as a third-party provider for the government developing and maintaining a health care network for federal prisons.

Integrated Medical Solutions, located on Regency Parkway, currently coordinates outside health care for 14 prisons and more than 20,000 inmates.

The company handles all aspects of securing medical services when inmates need more than the basic care that the prison provides. IMS works with surgical facilities, long-term care facilities and physicians to set up appointments and manage cases, then adjudicates and pays claims.

"We decide who the inmate sees and coordinate the services that are provided," said Heftler, who is the president and CEO.

The company negotiates rates for the prisons using the Medicare methodology that Heftler says has resulted in a 48 percent savings to his government clients.

INC Magazine recently ranked the company as one of the 500 fastest-growing private companies in the United States, listing IMS at No. 74, but No. 14 among governmental services providers.

The magazine listed three-year revenue growth for the company at more than 3,000 percent, from \$260,105 in 2006 to \$8.6 million in 2009. Heftler said that in 2010, the company already has topped last year's total revenue.

Correctional healthcare is a multi-billion dollar

industry, Heftler said, and serves inmates who have the same types of medical needs as the general public.

"It's really a microcosm of what you see in the community," he said. "There are hard-working people in this



*From left, Alison Landin, Jerry Heftler and Gail Wilhelm.*

country without this type of medical access. But these patients are wards of you and I. Not providing the right health care in a timely manner just gets more expensive for us all."

Heftler said he feels a "sense of stewardship" from ensuring that inmates get medical care. "It's a basic need," he said. "It's a responsibility that must be met."

The business is a family one. Heftler works with his sister, Gail Wilhelm, who is the company's vice president, and his daughter, Alison Landin, who serves as a vice president and chief financial officer.

He said Mansfield provides a good economic development environment for his business. And his 14 local employees enjoy the city's restaurants and parks with trails.

As the president of Mansfield's Economic Development Corporation, Heftler has a vested interest in keeping the community business-friendly.

"There have been some great strides for businesses," he said. "We want quality growth in this city."



# Hometown Holidays time in Mansfield

The Mansfield holiday season begins the first weekend of December with music, penguins, fireworks and even a little bit of snow. Once again residents can enjoy a host of different activities designed to put even the staunchest Scrooge in the Christmas spirit.

## HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS

The firework show that was a hit at last year's Hometown Holidays is back, along with two real snow hills to put the chill in the winter festivities. The fun starts at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 at City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

All the favorites are returning, including the penguins from the Fort Worth Zoo, who take the stage at 6 p.m. Other activities include bounce houses, community choirs and other entertainment. Santa will be on hand for visits and photos and the tree lighting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., followed by the fireworks. Entertainment and food will be available through the evening, while the movie "The Grinch" will be shown in the MAC gymnasium at 7 p.m.

All activities are free, although there is a nominal charge for the snow hill and food vendors.

Parking will be available at the MAC, Mansfield Public Library, west side of City Hall, Tarrant County Sub-Courthouse and the Mansfield Public Safety Building. There is no off-site parking and shuttle this year.



## HOLIDAY TREE CHALLENGE

Visitors to Friday's festivities can get a few Christmas tree decorating tips via the Holiday Tree Challenge.

Local organizations and businesses donate and decorate trees, and Living Word Outreach Ministry will place each donated tree with a local family who, otherwise, might not have a tree for the holidays. The donated trees will be on display at the MAC during Hometown Holidays.

The winner will be recognized at the Dec. 13th City Council meeting. If you are interested in decorating and donating a tree,

contact Nancy Cardinale at 817-276-4266 or Margaret Josey at 817-473-1943.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Once again members of the Mansfield Kiwanis Club will be helping Santa out by flipping pancakes and pouring orange juice at the 25th Annual Breakfast with Santa event.

Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Mansfield Activities Center, 106 S. Wisteria St. Cost is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children ages 12 and under. Tickets will be on sale the day of the event.



## HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS PARADE

This year organizers are turning the page on this year's Hometown Holidays Parade as participants, floats and entertainment focus on its "Storybook" theme.

The parade begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in Historic Downtown Mansfield. Entertainment on Main Street precedes the parade at 1:30 p.m. This year's parade lineup features more than 50 entries including marching bands from Mansfield High School and Legacy High School. Representatives from the

Mansfield Independent School District will serve as the 2010 grand marshals.

The parade route is approximately 1/2 mile long and starts at St. Jude Catholic Church, 500 E. Dallas St.; then west on East Dallas Street; north on South Main Street; east on Oak Street; south on Smith Street; east on Broad Street; west on Waxahachie Street; and





# HOLIDAY EVENTS



ends back at the church.

Awards will be given for Most Creative, Most Holiday Spirit and the Grand Marshal Award. Winners will be announced during the parade, and awards will be presented at the City Council meeting Monday, Dec. 13.



## TOUR OF HOMES

The 31st annual Holiday Tour of Homes features five Mansfield homes decked out in festive Christmas decorations and designs.

The tour is 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, and is sponsored by the Women's Division of the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Limousines will start at Mansfield High School, 3001 E. Broad St. The holiday marketplace, which will be held at Watercrest at Mansfield, returns for a third year with more raffle items, shopping and Santas. The active adult living complex is located at 250 E. Debbie Lane.

Tickets are \$30 and are on sale at Avante Salon and Day Spa, 1223 E. Debbie Lane; Creekside Collections, 120 W. Debbie Lane; Frost Bank, 1000 Walnut Creek Dr.; Mansfield Community Bank, 1700 E. Broad St.; Pirate Coffee Shop, 116 N. Main St.; Southwest Bank, 1701 US Highway 287; and Allstate-Lezlee Liljenberg Agencies, 3105 W. Arkansas Lane, Arlington.

For more information, call 817-794-5887.



## KIWANIS CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR KIDS

The music of the holiday season is being paired with an effort to help local children at the Annual Kiwanis Christmas Carols for Kids concert at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1218 E. Debbie Lane.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 with all proceeds benefiting the Feed the Kids for the Summer program.

The effort provides food for children who might not otherwise eat lunch during the summer when they are out of school.

Tickets



are available at the door. For more information, contact Eric Reynolds via email ([eric@kiwanis76063.org](mailto:eric@kiwanis76063.org)).



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# ROAD REPORT

## Street Bond Program (construction)

### Cardinal Road

(FM 1187 to Columbia)

Construction began April 6. Cardinal will be closed to traffic in three phases. Phases 1 and 2 are open to traffic with miscellaneous construction items being completed. Phase 3, north of Stone Creek Drive, is now closed to through traffic and is being prepared for paving operations.

### Graves and Waxahachie (Broad to Dallas)

This project includes reconstruction of the sewer line and installing concrete pavement with curb and gutter. Utility construction was completed in September. Subgrade is being prepared for pavement.

## Street Bond Program (design)

### Callender Road

(US 287 to Turner Warnell)

This project includes improving Callender to a four-lane undivided parkway, installation of a storm drainage system and water and sewer improvements. Final plans were revised to incorporate added width for a bike route. The redesign and added width will be funded through the MPFDC. Right-of-way and easement acquisition is complete. Franchise utility relocations are under way. This project should bid by the end of 2010.

## Ragland Extension

(Country Club to Fairhaven)

Ragland Extension is a short block running parallel to Matlock Road and is the last remaining unimproved section of road in this area. It will be reconstructed as a 29-foot concrete street with curb inlets and a new water line. Final plans are being reviewed and should be ready to bid in November 2010.

### Oak Street

(2nd Ave. to Smith)

This project includes improvement of this downtown street to a concrete section with storm drain system. It will include on-street parking and aesthetic elements consistent with the Historic Mansfield plan. Final plans are under review including landscape and irrigation plans. Franchise utilities are being relocated and the project should bid by the end of 2010.

## East Broad Street, Phase 2

(Holland to Day Miar)

This project includes reconstruction of Broad Street to a four-lane divided section and intersection improvements at Day Miar. Final design and right-of-way acquisition are under way.

## West Broad Street, Phase 2

(Cotton Street to Retta Road)

This project is a four-lane divided extension to Phase 1. Preliminary design is under review. The right-of-way acquisition process is under way.

### South Holland

(Sports Complex to Britton)

This project is in the bond program for design only; no

construction funding. Staff is reviewing the scope of services for a survey and preliminary alignment study.

## Newport Drive

This project includes reconstruction of the sewer line, storm drain improvements and concrete pavement with new curb and gutter. Preliminary plans are being reviewed.

## Intersections and Miscellaneous Projects

### Kimball Street

(3rd Ave. to Dawson)

This is the 2009 CDBG reconstruction project. Final plans are under review and right-of-way acquisition has begun. Project should bid by end of 2010.

### North 2nd Avenue

(Broad to Oak)

This is the 2010 CDBG reconstruction project. Preliminary plan review is under way.

### Heritage Parkway

(Mitchell to Matlock)

MEDC contracted for the design of this project in December 2008. It involves a four lane divided section completing the link from US 287 to SH 360 including bridges over the railroad. Final roadway and bridge design is under way. Permitting through the railroad and Tarrant Regional Water District will likely carry into early 2011. Right-of-way and easement negotiations are under way.

### Antler Drive

MEDC contracted for the design to reconstruct this industrial road.

It will be replaced with a full concrete section and includes an underground storm drain system. Utility and storm drain construction is under way.

## TxDOT Projects

### FM 1187 widening

(Bus 287 to Newt Patterson)

TxDOT opened bids for construction in March. However, utility relocations are necessary, including City water and sewer lines. City utility relocations are nearing completion.

## US 287 Frontage Roads and Texas U-Turns

(Broad to Walnut Creek Drive)

This project involves completing the northbound and southbound frontage roads of US 287 from Broad Street to Walnut Creek Drive. It also includes Texas U-Turn bridges on both sides of Walnut Creek Drive and the north side of Broad Street. Construction began in May 2010 with anticipated completion in December 2011.

## Traffic Signal

(FM 157 at Forest Mill)

TxDOT is preparing plans for this signal and it is scheduled to bid for construction in Fall, 2010.

(South Main Street @ FM 917)

TxDOT is preparing plans for a traffic signal and left turn lanes for both northbound and southbound Main Street.



## Public meeting schedule

### City Council

7 p.m. the second and fourth  
Mondays of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Planning & Zoning Commission

6:30 p.m. the first and third  
Mondays of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Mansfield Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation (MPFDC)

7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Library Advisory Board

6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month,  
Mansfield Public Library  
Community Room, 104 S. Wisteria St.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

6 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission

5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

## Important numbers

City Hall	817-276-4200
Animal Control	817-477-2038
Library	817-473-4391
MAC	817-453-5420
Public Safety Building	817-276-4700
Municipal Court	817-276-4716
Law Enforcement Center	817-473-8676
Parks Operations	817-473-1943
Tarrant County Tax Office	817-884-1100
Seniors	817-453-5420 ext. 2227
Utility Operations (after 5 p.m.)	817-473-8411

## Mansfield City Council

The Mansfield City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Mansfield City Hall located at 1200 E. Broad St.



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# CALENDAR



## Winter 2010 Calendar of Events

	DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
D E C E M B E R	1	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
	3	Hometown Holidays	5-9 p.m.	City Hall Complex
	4	Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa	7 a.m. - noon	City Hall
	4	Hometown Holidays Parade	2:30 p.m.	Historic Downtown Mansfield
	5	Tour of Homes	1-7 p.m.	
	6	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	7	MEDC board meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
	8	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
	10	MAC closes at 5 p.m.	7 p.m.	City Hall
	11	Cooking Oil / Home Electronics Collection	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	City Hall
	13	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	16	MPFDC board meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
	20	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	21	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	24-25	Christmas Eve; city offices, MAC closed		
	27	Christmas Day; city offices closed		
	31	New Year's Eve; MAC closes at 6 p.m.; City Hall, Library closed		
J A N U A R Y	3	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	4	MEDC board meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
	5	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
	10	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	12	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
	17	MLK Day; City offices closed; MAC, library open		
	18	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	18	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	20	MPFDC board meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
	24	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	29	Winter Walk	10 a.m. - noon	Town Park / McKnight Park East
F E B R U A R Y	2	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
	7	Planning & Zoning Commission	6 p.m.	City Hall
	8	MEDC board meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
	9	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
	14	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	15	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	17	MPFDC board meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
	21	President's Day; city offices closed; MAC and library open		
	22	Planning & Zoning Commission	6 p.m.	City Hall
	26	Sweetheart Dance	6-8:30 p.m.	MAC
	28	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall